

SERVICE DATE - LATE RELEASE OCTOBER 16, 1997

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

DECISION

STB Ex Parte No. 573

RAIL SERVICE IN THE WESTERN UNITED STATES

Decided: October 15, 1997

A public hearing into the status of railroad freight service in the western United States has been set for Monday, October 27, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., at the Surface Transportation Board, Hearing Room--Suite 760, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC. By Federal Register notice published on October 7, 1997, 62 FR 52373, the Board required interested persons wishing to appear at the hearing and make a statement to notify the Secretary of the Board by October 9, 1997.

The schedule of appearances and the time provided for parties are set out in the Appendix to this decision.¹ To facilitate joint presentations, we have formed panels of participants by industry or interest. Panel members should decide among themselves how to allocate the time allotted for their respective panels. The first person on a panel to speak is requested to state the time allotments agreed upon by the panelists. If a party has not identified, or wishes to change, its speaker, he or she should inform Secretary Vernon A. Williams by noon on October 24, 1997. Speakers' written statements of their presentations must be filed with the Board by October 23, 1997.

Participants planning to use visual aids, such as maps, are advised to inform the Office of the Secretary at (202) 565-1650, no later than close of business on Wednesday, October 22, 1997. Participants are limited to projector-adaptable visual displays or handouts. The Board will provide space for handouts participants wish to bring to the hearing for dissemination to the public. The Board staff will be available in the Board's Hearing Room--Suite 760, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 24, 1997, to demonstrate the Board's projection system.

It is ordered:

1. Time for oral presentations is allotted as reflected in the Appendix to the decision.
2. This decision is effective on the date of service.

By the Board, Chairman Morgan and Vice Chairman Owen.

Vernon A. Williams
Secretary

¹ Where a speaker has been identified, the schedule includes that person. In several instances, the speakers were not identified or it was not clear who the intended speaker was. We continue to encourage parties to select speakers who are familiar with operational, resource, and customer service matters.

APPENDIX

SCHEDULE OF APPEARANCES

TIME ALLOTTED

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Richard K. Davidson	15 minutes at start; 15 at end.
Jerry R. Davis	
R. Bradley King	

LABOR REPRESENTATIVES

United Transportation Union	
James A. Brunkenhoefer	15 minutes
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	5 minutes
Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO	5 minutes

SHIPPERS

GENERAL

The National Industrial Transportation League	
Robert L. Evans	10 minutes

CHEMICALS/PLASTIC/GLASS

<u>Panel #1</u>	15 minutes
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Chemical Manufacturers Association	
Thomas E. Schick	

Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.	
Maureen A. Healey	

Glass Producers Transportation Council	
Donald R. Krause	

<u>Panel #2</u>	15 minutes
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E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, Inc.	
Hugh L. Fischer	

Dow Chemical Company	
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Texas Petrochemicals Corporation	
Gary Henneke	

Panel #3

15 minutes

PPG Industries, Inc.

Michael E. Petruccelli

Huntsman Corporation

David Parkin

Formosa Plastics, Inc.

Andrew P. Goldstein

Fina Oil and Chemical Company

Mike Spahis

AGRICULTURE/GRAIN

Panel #1

15 minutes

National Grain and Feed Association

David C. Barrett, Jr.

California Grain and Feed Association

R. L. Matteis

Ag Processing Inc.

Andrew P. Goldstein

National Association of Wheat Growers

Ronald R. Maas

Panel #2

15 minutes

Kansas Grain and Feed Association

Tom R. Tunnell

Oklahoma Grain & Feed Association

Joe N. Hampton

Farmers Elevator Association of Minnesota

Bob Zelenka

North Dakota Grain Dealers Association

Steven D. Strege

Panel #3

15 minutes

American Forest & Paper Association

(Member of its Rail Transportation Committee)

IBP, Inc.

Ken Rose or Perry Bourne

National Dry Bean Council

Philip H. Kimball

Kiowa County (Colorado) Commissioners, et al.

Local independent grain elevators/shippers and agriculture producers

COAL/MINERALS/OTHER

Panel #1 20 minutes

- National Mining Association
Joseph E. Lema
- Western Coal Traffic League
(Panel of three representatives)
- Western Coal Transportation Association

Panel #2 15 minutes

- Southern Company Services, Inc.
David J. Putman
- Entergy Services, Inc, and
Entergy Arkansas, Inc.
. Charles W. Jewell, Jr.
- Cyprus Amax Minerals Company
Nicholas Moros (or representative)
- American Electric Power Service Corporation
Farmland Industries, Inc.
Michael F. McBride

Panel #3 15 minutes

- Degussa Corporation
Nelson E. Shineberger
- North American Logistic Services
James DeVoe
- Cemex USA on behalf of affiliated companies: Sunbelt Center, Inc.;
Sunbelt Asphalt & Minerals; and Western Rail Road Company
Gary P. Burns
- Bernards Inc.
Robert J. Metzger
- C & F Foods, Inc.
Luis Faura
Tom Van Dixhorn

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

United States Department of Transportation
Paul Samuel Smith 10 minutes

United States Department of Agriculture
Michael V. Dunn 10 minutes

STATE/LOCAL GOVERNMENT

State of Nebraska Allan L. Abbott	10 minutes
Oregon Department of Transportation Claudia L. Howells	10 minutes
Kansas Department of Agriculture Allie Devine	10 minutes
Railroad Commission of Texas	10 minutes
Idaho Public Utilities Commission Ron Law	10 minutes
California Public Utilities Commission	10 minutes
City of Reno (Nevada)	2 minutes

SMALL RAILROADS AND PASSENGER RAILROADS

American Short Line Railroad Association Panel William E. Loftus Frederic W. Yocum, Jr. Larry E. Cantu	15 minutes
Other Small Railroads Panel Arkansas Louisiana and Mississippi Railroad Company Larry Ahlers Utah Railway Company Charles H. White, Jr. The Longhorn Railway Company Donald Cheatham Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company Larry Parsons	15 minutes
National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) Deborah S. Wetter	5 minutes
Southern California Regional Rail Authority Charles A. Spitulnik	5 minutes

LARGE RAILROADS

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company	15 minutes
The Kansas City Southern Railway Company; The Texas Mexican Railway Company William Mullins Larry Fields	10 minutes, jointly
Illinois Central Railroad Company Myles L. Tobin	5 minutes
Transportacion Ferroviaria Mexicana Christopher Aadnesen	5 minutes